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ACTING CHAIRMAN (MINISTER JOEWONO, INDONESIA) HAS RENEWED
INVITATION (REFTEL) OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN
OCEAN FOR UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE'S
CONSULTATIONS. AS COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED MEET APRIL 18-22,
1977, REQUEST EARLY INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPLY. TEXT OF
JOEWONO'S LETTER TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

EXCELLENCY,
OWING TO HIS DUTIES AS PRESIDENT OF THE THIRTY-
FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HIS EXCELLENCY
AMBASSADOR H. SHIRLEY AMERASINGHE IS UNABLE TO TAKE AN
ACTIVE ROLE IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE
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ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AT THE PRESENT TIME. CONSEQUENTLY,
IN THE CAPACITY OF ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE,
I HAVE THE HONOUR TO WRITE YOU IN PURSUANCE OF PARA-
GRAPHS 2 AND 3 OF RESOLUTION 31/88 BY WHICH THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY REQUESTED THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND THE LITTORAL
AND HINTERLAND STATES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN TO CONTINUE
THEIR CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO FORMULATING A PRO-

GRAMME OF ACTION LEADING TO THE CONVENING OF A CONFERENCE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND RENEWED ITS INVITATION TO ALL STATES, IN PARTICULAR THE GREAT POWERS AND MAJOR MARITIME USERS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, TO CO-OPERATE IN A PRACTICAL MANNER WITH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IN THE DISCHARGE OF ITS FUNCTIONS.

YOU MAY RECALL THAT ON EARLIER OCCASIONS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ISSUED INVITATIONS TO THE GREAT POWERS AND MAJOR MARITIME USERS INFORMING THEM THAT THE LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN ATTACHED CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD WITH A VIEW TO CONVENING A CONFERENCE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND SEEKING THEIR CO-OPERATION. IT WAS MOREOVER THE SINCERE WISH OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO HEAR THE FORMER'S VIEWS ON IMPLICATIONS AND THE PROPOSAL FOR THEIR SECURITY AND OTHER INTERESTS, AS WELL AS THE BEST MEANS FOR ADVANCING THE REALIZATION OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE, WITH SUCH MODIFICATIONS AS MIGHT BE FOUND NECESSARY TO RECONCILE DIFFERENT VIEWS AND INTERESTS.

ALTHOUGH LAST YEAR'S INVITATION WAS NOT ACCORDED THE RESPONSE HOPED FOR BY THE COMMITTEE, NONE OF THE REPLIES REJECTED IT WITHOUT QUALIFICATION, WHILE MANY INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE GIVEN POSITIVE CONSIDERATION. MOREOVER, IN THE INTERVENING PERIOD, CERTAIN MAJOR POWERS HAVE ADOPTED A MORE POSITIVE APPROACH WITH REGARD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DECLARATION.

IN THIS LIGHT, I WISH ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE TO EXPRESS ONCE AGAIN ITS SINCERE HOPE THAT YOUR MISSION WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION THAT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO IT BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND WHICH REFLECTS THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE COMMITTEE ATTACHES TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE GREAT POWERS AND THE MAJOR MARITIME USERS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN IN THE CONSULTATIONS ENVISAGED IN THE RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS. I WISH TO STRESS AGAIN, THAT PARTICIPATION IN THESE CONSULTATIONS WOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS IMPLYING ANY COMMITMENT ON YOUR PART.

YOURS SINCERELY,

DJOKO JOEWONO
MINISTER
PERMANET MISSION OF INDONESIA

VICE-CHAIRMAN, AD HOC COMMITTEE
OF THE INDIAN OCEAN UNQUOTE
YOUNG

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